CLAIMS:

1.   A dongle (3) for access of guest apparatuses (2) to a wireless home network
(1), comprising a memory and processing unit (33) which is connected to the guest apparatus
(2) by means of an antenna (32) as well as a configuration-free interface (31).

5   2.   A dongle as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the configuration-free
interface (31) is a USB interface.

3.   A dongle as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the current supply for the
dongle (3) is realized via the USB interface (31).
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4.   A dongle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the
dongle (3) has an integrated protection unit (333) such as, for example, a firewall or a virus
scanner.

15   5.   A dongle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the
dongle (3) has a biometric device (33) for user authentication.

6.   A dongle as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the biometric device (33)
is a fingerprint scanner.
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7.   A dongle as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the
dongle (3) has an additional configuration interface (34).

8.   A dongle as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the configuration
25   interface (34) is a card reader.

9.   A method of connecting guest apparatuses to wireless home networks, wherein
the access of the guest apparatus (2) is realized via a dongle (3) which is connected to an
interface (31) of the guest apparatus (2).

10.   A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the dongle (3) reports to the home network (1) independently.

11.   A method as claimed in claim 9 or 10, characterized in that configuration parameters, which are loaded via an interface (35) of the dongle (3), are stored in the dongle (3).

12.   A method as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 11, characterized in that the home interface configuration of the dongle (3) is not visible to the guest apparatus (2).

13.   A method as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 12, characterized in that the dongle (3) acts as a router between the guest apparatus (2) and the home network (1) and that, to this end, the guest apparatus (2) has an appropriate IP address.